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SUBJECT: SOMOZA DENIES HE WAS CENSURED BY VENEZUELAN SENATE

REF: MANAGUA 3690

1. SPEAKING TO A PUBLIC MEETING OF HIS NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE EVENING SEPTEMBER 10, GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA DENIED THAT HE HAD BEEN DECLARED AN UNWELCOME GUEST BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE VENEZUELAN SENATE, AS REPORTED IN A SEPTEMBER 5 AP WIRE SERVICE STORY FROM CARACAS. ACCORDING TO SOMOZA, THE VENEZUELAN CONGRESS WAS NOT EVEN IN SESSION DURING HIS STAY AND THE DECLARATION AGAINST HIM WAS MADE BY A "FACTION" OF ACCION DEMOCRATICA SENATORS MEETING PRIVATELY. SOMOZA CHARGED THAT THIS FACTION WAS COMPOSED OF MANY PERSONS WHO USED TO BE "COMMUNISTS" AND WERE NOW "LEFTIST-SOCIALISTS" AND WHO WERE KNOWN TO BE ANTI-NICARAGUAN. HE SAID CRITICISM OF THIS SORT DIDN'T BOTHER HIM. HOWEVER, HE WAS CLARIFYING THIS FALSE NEWS REPORT BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE TO THINK THAT THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE DISLIKED THEM. TO THE CONTRARY, DURING HIS STAY IN CARACAS HE HAD BEEN TREATED COURTEOUSLY AND PROPERLY BY THE GOV, GIVEN AMPLE SECURITY, RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT CALDERA

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AND EVEN PROMISED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR EARTHQUAKE

RECONSTRUCTION.

2. COMMENT: WHILE GENERAL SOMOZA DID NOT COMMENT ON
ANOTHER AP REPORT THAT THE CARACAS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HAD
ALSO DECLARED HIM AN UNWELCOME GUEST, HIS EXPLANATION OF THE
REPORTED SENATE ACTION SEEMS REASONABLE ENOUGH. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY CONFIRMATION OR COMMENT EMBASSY CARACAS MAY
WISH TO OFFER.
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